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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 6, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3161.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from William H. Pickle, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; Wilson Livingood, Chairman, Capitol Police Board and Capitol Guide Service; and Christopher McGaffin, Acting Chief of Police, Capitol Police Board; Tom Stevens, Head, Congressional Special Services Office and Capitol Guide Service; and Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Alberto R. Gonzales, Attorney General, Robert Mueller, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Karen Tandy, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Carl J. Truscott, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and John Clark, Director, U.S. Marshals Service, all of the Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Army Corps of Engineers, after receiving testimony from John Paul Woodley, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; and Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock, Chief of Engineers.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded closed and open hearings to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of Defense's role in combating terrorism, after receiving testimony from Thomas W. O'Connell, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; Vice Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN, Deputy Commander, United States Special Operations Command; Vice Admiral John Scott Redd, USN (Ret.), Director, National Counterterrorism Center; and Jeffrey N. Rapp, Director, Joint Intelligence Task Force-Combating Terrorism, Defense Intelligence Agency.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, focusing on improving contractor incentives, after receiving testimony from Kenneth J. Krieg, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office.

ASIA PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts concluded a hearing to examine the current and future role of science in the Asia Pacific Partnership, focusing on the public-private initiative that addresses the interconnected challenges of assuring economic growth and development, poverty eradication, energy security, pollution reduction, and mitigating climate change, after receiving testimony from James L. Connaughton, Chairman, White House Council on Environmental Quality; and W. David Montgomery, CRA International, Margo Thorning, International Council for Capital Formation, and David D. Doniger, Natural Resources Defense Council Climate Center, all of Washington, D.C.

WILDFIRE SEASON

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded an oversight hearing to examine the 2005 wildfire season and the Federal land management agencies' preparations for the 2006 wildfire season, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment; and Nina Rose Hatfield, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard Capka, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, and James B. Gulliford, of Missouri, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and William Ludwig Wehrum, Jr., of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of W. Ralph Basham, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

U.S.-INDIA CIVILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States-India Civilian Nuclear Agreement, and non-proliferation goals, global energy requirements, environmental concerns, and the United States geo-strategic relationship with India, focusing on S. 2429, to authorize the President to waive the application of certain requirements under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 with respect to India, after receiving testimony from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

ISLAMIST EXTREMISM IN EUROPE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the nature and scope of Islamist extremism in Europe, focusing on secular and spiritual alienation, after receiving testimony from Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Henry A. Crumpton, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, and Tom C. Korologos, United States Ambassador to Belgium, all of the Department of State; and Robin Niblett, and Daniel Benjamin, both of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Mary

Habeck, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

PORT SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2459, to improve cargo security, and other related measures, after receiving testimony from Senator Murray; Representatives Lungren and Harman; Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security; Jeffrey W. Monroe, Department of Ports and Transportation, Portland, Maine; M.R. Dinsmore, Port of Seattle, Seattle, Washington; and Andrew Howell, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and James P. Hoffa, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL FUNDING OF MUSEUMS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine various avenues of Federal funding for museums including authorized programs, grantmaking agencies, and earmarks, after receiving testimony from David A. Ucko, Head, Informal Science Education, Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Informal Education, Education and Human Resources Directorate, National Science Foundation; Anne-Imelda M. Radice, Director, Institute of Museums and Library Services; Edward H. Able, Jr., American Association of Museums, and Thomas A. Schatz, Citizens Against Government Waste, both of Washington, D.C.

ALL-HAZARDS MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness concluded a hearing to examine all-hazards medical preparedness and response, after receiving testimony from John Agwunobi, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Health; Ellen Embrey, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Force Health Protection and Readiness, and Director, Deployment Health Support, Department of Defense; Lawrence Deyton, Chief Public Health and Environmental Hazards Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; Eddy A. Bresnitz, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Trenton, on behalf of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists; Thomas V. Inglesby, Center for Biosecurity, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Baltimore, Maryland; Richard Serino, Boston Emergency Medical Services, Boston, Massachusetts; and Rob Gougelet, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, New Hampshire.

METHAMPHETAMINE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the impact methamphetamine use is having in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Senator Burns; William P. Ragsdale, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Robert McSwain, Deputy Director, Jon Perez, Director, Division of Behavioral Health, and Anthony Dekker, Associate Director, Clinical Services, Phoenix Indian Medical Center, all of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Matthew H. Mead, United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming, Chey-

enne, Department of Justice; Kathleen W. Kitcheyan, San Carlos Apache Tribe, San Carlos, Arizona; Jefferson Keel, National Congress of American Indians, and Gary L. Edwards, National Native American Law Enforcement Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Karrie Azure, United Tribes Technical College, Bismark, North Dakota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 5091–5111; 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 378–380; and H. Res. 762–765, 768 were introduced. **Pages H1561–63**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1563–64**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 766, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 376) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 (H. Rept. 109–405);

H. Res. 767, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109–406);

H.R. 2955, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify that the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has exclusive jurisdiction of appeals relating to patents, plant variety protection, or copyrights, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–407);

H.R. 4742, to amend title 35, United States Code, to allow the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office to waive statutory provisions governing patents and trademarks in certain emergencies (H. Rept. 109–408); and

H. Con. Res. 319, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the successful and substantial contributions of the amendments to the patent and trademark laws that were enacted in 1980 (Public Law 96–517; commonly known as the “Bayh-Dole Act”), on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its enactment (H. Rept. 109–409). **Page H1561**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Capito to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1455**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Clyde P. Thomas, Pastor, Cherokee Avenue Baptist Church, Gaffney, South Carolina. **Page H1455**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Darfur Peace and Accountability Act of 2006: H.R. 3127, amended, to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, by a yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 90; **Pages H1461–75, H1530**

Expressing the sense of the Congress that Saudi Arabia should fully live up to its World Trade Organization commitments and end all aspects of any boycott on Israel: H. Res. 370, to express the sense of the Congress that Saudi Arabia should fully live up to its World Trade Organization commitments and end all aspects of any boycott on Israel; **Pages H1482–85**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Boyden Street in Badin, North Carolina, as the “Mayor John Thompson ‘Tom’ Garrison Memorial Post Office”: H.R. 4688, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Boyden Street in Badin, North Carolina, as the “Mayor John Thompson ‘Tom’ Garrison Memorial Post Office”; **Pages H1485–86**